



## STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: June 26, 2017

Agenda Item #: 7a

TO: Mayor and Town Council  
FROM: Dustin Graham, Director of Public Works  
THRU: Susan Parker, Town Administrator  
TITLE: Town Park Observation Deck Design and Costs  
ATTACH: Observation Deck Location Map and Engineered Plan

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**Summary:** The remaining construction item for the park includes the Observation Deck. The original grant and approved plan included a 120-foot walkway with a 10 x 20 observation deck extending into the Intercostal Waterway with a projected cost of \$22,000 in 2012 dollars.

After reviewing the use of the park, staff proposes the following reduced project which will also enhance the *Living Shoreline Project* in Mary's Creek. The proposed project includes a 65-foot walkway (required to extend beyond the marsh grasses) and a 10 x 10 observation deck. It will also include an educational kiosk similar to the Bird Watch kiosk detailing the *Living Shoreline Project* and its benefits. The total cost for this project which includes engineered drawings, materials, permits and labor has a projected cost of \$14,000.

**Fiscal Implications:** This recommendation will positively contribute to an expected budget surplus for the Town Park Project because the Observation Deck was included in the PARTF grant award at an amount greater than the current estimate.

**Council Action:** Move to approve project as proposed.